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THREE INDICTED FOR DELIVERING COUNTERFEIT IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that OSCAR VELAZQUEZ GONZALEZ, 31, MISAEL TOMIS VELAZQUEZ, 24, and ARMANDO PATINO SANCHEZ, 35, of Evansville, Indiana, were indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for immigration document fraud, following an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Evansville Police Department.

The two indictments allege that OSCAR VELAZQUEZ GONZALEZ, MISAEL TOMIS VELAZQUEZ, and ARMANDO PATINO SANCHEZ, arranged for fraudulent immigration documents to be prepared and delivered to individuals in the Evansville area. ARMANDO PATINO SANCHEZ is also charged with reentry into the United States after deportation.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who is prosecuting the case for the government, defendants face a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000.00. Following a hearing held on November 29, 2007 before a U.S. Magistrate Judge, MISAEL TOMIS VELAZQUEZ and ARMANDO PATINO SANCHEZ were ordered detained at the Henderson County Detention Center pending disposition of this case. OSCAR VELAZQUEZ GONZALEZ remains a fugitive.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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